

Dear friend ,

This is to explain your not having heard from me and to say thanks to so many of you.

As many of you know, Lil has been in the hospital or a nursing home for all but two weeks since the middle of last October. Early ^{last month} this morn I went to the hospital with pneumonia. It was then decided the time had come for me to start dialysis for kidney failure. I understand that is forever. I am awakened for that four a.m. Monday, ~~Thursday~~ ^{Wednesday} and Friday and ~~am~~ ^{do} not get back to the nursing home until after one p.m. aside from weakness and ~~at~~ my illegible handwriting it is one of the things that keeps me from responding personally.

Home on a brief visit so a friend ^{could} can copy some of my materials I have discovered that in my absence someone entered the house and very crudely played with this typewriter and broke some of it. In reassembling it some parts were misplaced. This was done so crudely I wonder if it was a professional job. Or a professional job that was done so crudely to suggest that it was not a professional job.

We both want to thank you for your help and for the kind wishes we are not able to respond to as in the past.

Gratefully,

Harold Weisberg